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OUAGADOUGOU FOR ASST. SECRETARY MOOSE

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CHONA EXPRESSES ZAMBIAN CONCERN

1. DURING A CONVERSATION IN NEW YORK JULY 27, MARK CHONA
TOLD THE SECRETARY THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA HAD INSTRUCTED
HIM TO CONVEY HIS CONCERN ABOUT WHAT SOUTH AFRICA WOULD DO
REGARDING NAMIBIA. THE SUCCESSFUL VOTE IN THE SECURITY
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COUNCIL CONSTITUTED SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS, BUT WE MUST BE
VIGILANT TO ENSURE THAT SOUTH AFRICA DOES NOT SUBVERT
THAT PROGRESS.

2. THE SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT ALL CONCERNED WOULD HAVE
TO BE VIGILANT. AHTISAARI WILL DO A GOOD JOB AS THE U.N.
SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE GROUND

IN NAMIBIA. MOREOVER, AS WE HAVE SAID, THE FIVE WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL "ARE IN THIS TO THE END,, AND WE WILL DO EVERYTHING NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE NAMIBIA INITIATIVE.

3. CHONA EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT AHTISAARI SEEMS TO HAVE IN MIND A LONGER TIME SCALE THAN HE DID BEFORE WITH REGARD TO PRESENTING HIS REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOLLOWING HIS TRIP TO NAMIBIA. THE SECRETARY ASKED WHETHER THE TWO WEEKS THAT HAD BEEN ENVISAGED WOULD BE ABOUT THE RIGHT

AMOUNT OF TIME. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY PETTERSON (AF) SAID THAT IT MIGHT TAKE LONGER BECAUSE AHTISAARI COULD NOT BEGIN HIS MISSION UNTIL WE RECEIVED THE GO-AHEAD FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. IN ADDITION, CONCEIVABLY HE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE LONGER THAN EXPECTED IN NAMIBIA AND IN THE PREPARATION OF HIS REPORT.

4. BEFORE TURNING TO OTHER MATTERS, CHONA SAID THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT WAS WORRIED ABOUT THE MINES THAT HAD BEEN LAID ALONG ITS BORDER AND INSIDE ITS TERRITORY BY THE SOUTH AFRICANS. THE ZAMBIANS NEED ASSISTANCE IN MINE-SWEEPING AND WONDERED IF THE U.S. COULD HELP. HE ASKED IF WE WOULD CONSIDER THIS REQUEST FROM PRESIDENT KAUNDA. THE SECRETARY REPLIED THAT WE WOULD. VANCE

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